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1. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE THRUST OF ECEVIT'S STATEMENT ON "INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION" IN TURKEY DURING HIS 5 JUNE 78 BILATERAL WITH SECDEF BROWN, HE FEELS THAT TURKEY SHOULD BE GETTING A LARGER SHARE OF NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND ECEVIT'S DESIRE FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, BUT WOULD NOTE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE RECORD IN RECENT YEARS IS NOT AS BLEAK AS ECEVIT SUGGESTS.

2. THE TURKISH PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION TO NATO INFRASTRUCTURE IS CURRENTLY 1.32 PCT, FOURTH LOWEST AFTER GREECE, PORTUGAL, AND LUXEMBOURG. THE NATIONAL CON-
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TRIBUTIONS DO NOT, AND SHOULD NOT, HAVE ANY BEARING ON MNC PROGRAMMING DECISION BUT IT IS AT LEAST CLEAR THAT HER CONTRIBUTION, IN ITSELF, IMPOSES NO SIGNIFICANT BURDEN ON TURKEY. SHE HAS, AT THE SAME TIME, RECEIVED A HEALTHY SHARE OF NATO PROJECTS AND HAS CARRIED THEM OUT WITH REASONABLE SPEED. THE TABLE BELOW GIVES A CAPSULE OF THE LAST NINE INFRASTRUCTURE ANNUAL SLICES (1970-

78), SHOWING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, COLUMN (1) - SLICE
 NUMBER; COLUMN (2) - AMOUNT PROGRAMMED FOR TURKEY IN
 DOLLARS (000) (ESTIMATING FOUR DOLLARS TO THE IAU);
 COLUMN (3) - TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAM IN DOLLARS (000);
 COLUMN (4) - PERCENT OF PROGRAM IN TURKEY; AND COLUMN (5) -
 RANK ORDER IN NUMBERS OF PROJECTS.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
21	19,620	147,804	13.3	4
22	43,204	443,612	9.7	3
23	22,856	293,928	7.8	4
24	34,088	303,840	11.2	2
25	16,252	245,132	6.6	5
26	38,140	328,812	11.6	3
27	28,168	361,548	7.8	5
28	29,256	326,020	9.0	3
29	82,608	621,412	13.3	3

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TOTAL 314,192 3,072,192 10.2

3. THE SUM OF THE NINE YEARS SHOWS THAT 314 MILLION
 DOLLARS WORTH OF PROJECTS WENT (OR ARE GOING) INTO TURKEY
 AND THAT THEY REPRESENT 10.2 PCT OF ALL PROJECTS
 PROGRAMMED FOR THE PERIOD. AGAINST THIS FAIRLY IMPRESSIVE
 RECORD, WE MUST PUT THE FACT THAT THE SOUTHERN FLANK
 (ITALY, GREECE, TURKEY) HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED MUCH LESS
 ATTENTION THAN THE CENTER, AND THAT "REGIONAL BALANCE"
 IN PROGRAMMING REMAINS A VERY LIVE POLITICAL ISSUE.
 NEVERTHELESS, WASHINGTON AND ANKARA MAY FIND THE ABOVE
 DATA USEFUL IN A RESPONSE TO THE ECEVIT CONCERNS.
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